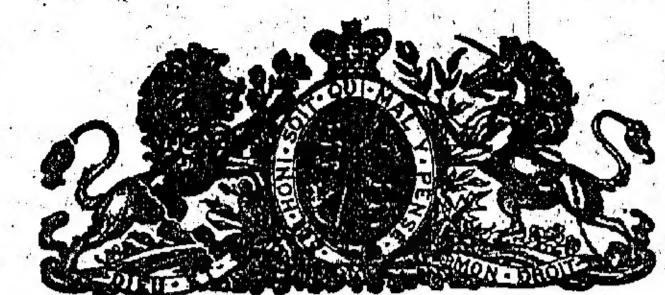


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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1878.

AGENTO FUD THE CHINA MA.L. LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Dombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. Gordon & Gotch, Ludgate Virous, E. C. Bates, Hendy & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall

PARIS AND EUROPE :- LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK :-- ANDREW WIND, 188, Na .sau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND :-- GORDOR & GOTCH, MOLbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- Bran & BLAOK, San Fran-

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS; -- SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HRINBZEN & Co. Manila.

CHINA: - Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swawing CAMPBELL & CO. ampy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Cc. FOOGRESO, MEDGE & Co. Shanghan. LAME, CHAWFORD & Co., and - KHLLI & WALSH. Yokuhama, LANE, CHAW-FORD & Co.

Banks.

HUNGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE BUND,......1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-F. D. SASSOON, Esq. Deputy Chairman-W. H. Forses, Esq. E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. | A. Molver, Esq. H. L. DALLYMPLE, WILHELM REINERS, W. S. Young, Esq. H. Hoppius, Esq. Hon, W. KESWICK,

Hengkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER Shanghal,..... EWEN CAMERON, Esq. BANKERS, -London and County

CHIEF MANAGER.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED. O N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

For Fixed Deposits :--For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,, 5 per cent. ,,

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chilef Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.) DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED

DEPOSITS. At 8 months' notice 8% per Annum,

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office. D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,..... £800,000, RESERVE FUND, £150,000 Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HUNGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of lexchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business,

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-POSITS.

On CUBBERT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 8 months, 8 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. o per cent. 13

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FOR SALE.

LINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETTS'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE DLUM PUDDINGS. CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS. California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS. REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH LINEN SHEETING. PILLOY

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents'. Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE. CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS.

Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CHUSB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every De scription. FULDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES. KELLY'S FAMOUS OUT TOBACCOS. HOUSEHULD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH, CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF

LIME. &c., &c., &c. LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMASH

DOSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, MAILS.

WELL-SELECTED STOCK Comprising: LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIM

MED FRENCH BONNETS AND HATS. FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS. FANCY TIES and SCARFS. PLAIN and FANCY-LINEN and LACE

NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES in all the Newest Pat-

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETEENS and TRIM-MINGS to match. BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS. COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PE-LISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS

and SHOES. GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS,

BED and TABLE LINEN. TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANG-INGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL under the Usual Prices. and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPED HORSES CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBU-

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS. The CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIO-FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for Ladies and Gentle-MEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inven-

Hongkong, December 11, 1878,

- VOTTOR. TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK, BEEFI BEEF

Ship " Commissary." Tierces PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, FOR SALE by private bargalu on the above Ship. Prices Moderate. Hongkony, December 24, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS, (In English and Chinese.) WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. -- Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office: -

For Sale.

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AND

PRESENTS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT. SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS. DRAGEES.

French and English BONBONS. CHOCOLATE for DESSERT. ASSORTED COSAQUES, TELEPHONE CRACKERS. CONFERENCE CRACKERS. AQUARIUM CRACKERS. French and English TOYS.

MECHANICAL TOYS. DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes. SWIMMING DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX. DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.

PUNCH and JUDY SHOW. ROCKING HORSES. MUSICAL BOXES. TEA and DINNER SETS. NOAH'S ARKS. WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS. SPADES and PAILS. BARREL ORGANS. French ALBUMS. LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES WORK BASKETS and BOXES. LADIES' COMPANIONS PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES * CARD RECEIVERS. STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES. Pharoah WRITING CABINETS. SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal. RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS. MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases. BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES. ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES. WRITING DESKS. MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS. Feronia, and FRENCH and ENGLISH NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 20, 1878. W. KERR TAYLOR,

HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSING AND GILDING. No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, HONGKONG.

December 9, 1878. WONG CHIU,

PHOTOGRAPHER, No. 84, Queen's Road, Hongkong. (Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.

December 11, 1878. NOTICE.

FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during December and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably

Shortly expected from England, an suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. ____fel HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst. to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive, A. NEWTON,

Manager. Hon kong, December 16, 1878.

HUTOHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may of 20 Fathoms. grant him their support. SHOP - WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

DENTAL NOTICE.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878

TR. ROGERS has Returned and Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, November 20, 1870.

intimations.

MOORE & Co.. "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878, THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. BRADLEE SMITH. General Agent, pro tem. Hongkong, December 13, 1878. HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next. The Days of Exhibition will be advertized at an early date.

- SOCIETY.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1879.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Act ng Manager. For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, For the "Chartered Bank of India. Australia and China," WILLIAM FORREST, Manager. For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SOHWEBLIN, Actg. Agent. For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-

ing Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. For the "National Bank of India, L'ted.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878. SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the Necessary Appliances for SALVING OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to LANE, ORAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

NOTICE.

TROM the 1st of Outober, DE-EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at bis new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S RUAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Habl. -Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION.

FINHE Undersigned has received instructions from the Hon. J. M. PRICE, to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY. the 6th January, 1879, at 2 o'Clock p.m., (owing to change of Residence), at his residence, West Hermitage, Caine Road,-

The Whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining, Bed, and Library, Rooms' Furniture.

English-made Walnut Cretonne Covered Drawing-room Suite. French-made Marble-top Side Table, Card Tables and Plate Glass Cabinets. Gilt Framed Chimney Glass, Chromolithographs, Water Colors, Engravings, Marble Mantel-piece Clock, Italian

Bronzes and Ornaments. A Valuable Collection of Rare Minerals and Shells,

English-made Mahogany Extension Dining Table and Sideboard. Dining-room Chairs, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated-ware and Table Linen. Electric Observatory Clock and Ther-

mometers. Iron Bedstead, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, English-made Morocco Covered Couch, Mahogany Marble-top Washstand, Teak Writing Table, Glass Book Cases.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 4th January. TERMS OF SALE. -- As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Hongkong, December 23, 1878.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th January, 1879, the 1st Class

IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA," of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs. J. and R. Swan, of Dumbarton, and Engined by Messrs. Top and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H .- P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 91 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in. Draft, light, 9 feet.; loaded, 17 feet.; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class. Lloyds 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARFIELD's Patent Wind lass: Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft. for 3. Boilers 5th January. retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be

SOLD SEPARATELY. For further Particulars, apply to Mesers. BIRLEY & Co., or the Auction-EERS where Inventory and Plan of the

Vessel can be seen. TERMS OF SALE, -Half Cash on fall of have quick despatch, the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk

at fall of the hammer. HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctionsere.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALTOONIA & FIJI.

The Che di Steamship
"ZATHBOANGA,"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 8 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1878.

Shipping.

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG. The Steamship

Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878. de28 FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and for New Zealand.) The Eastern and Australian

Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

SOMERSET,"

Captain POCKLEY, will be despatched as above on the 28th Instant, at

Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de28

Sailing Vessels.

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Swedish Bark
"ALMA,"
Captain O. Ohisson, will be a
Jesparched as above on or

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878. The British Barque

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878. FOR HONOLULU.

quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co. FOR NEW YORK.

"S. R. BEARSE," Captain Oakes, will load here

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 German Bark GONNER, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo "MANILA II."

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

The A 1 British Bark " MERCURY," D. THOMAS, Master, will lead here for the above Port, and will have quick dematch.

Hougkong, December 3, 1878. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Sh() "MELROSE,"

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, December 2, 1878.

"THALES," For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. -taking through Cargo and Passengers

FOR LONDON.

Delois the 10th January, 1879.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.) " HOTSPUR," Capt. Shaw, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

The A 1 American Bark

"CRUSADER,"
Captain Ingram, will load here
for the above Port, and have

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. The A 1 American Bark

for the above Port, and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

The A 1 British Ship Captain LESLIE, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

engaged, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about the

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOR," STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. The American Ship
"FLEETWING,"
Guest, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will

Hongkong, Dacember 3, 1878. FOR LONDON,

For Freight, apply to V. GEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

PLUMER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Intimations.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSUR-ANOE CO., LIMITED.

NTOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Mesars OLYPHANT & Co. having Suspended Payment, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant, Appointed Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th January, 1879, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted,

By Order of the Board, WM. REINERS, Chairman.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE JOAO JOAQUIM DOB REMEDIOS, Deceased. "

TT is hereby notified that. Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS. D. A. DOS REMEDIOS. M. C. DO ROZARIO. A. A. DOS REMEDIOS: Hongkong, December 14, 1878.

> AFONG. PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ABTHUR KENNEUY, H. E. AD. MIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, AND TO H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

TINDER the Management, of B. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the Wood-BURYTYPE Co.

Enlargements are now being made in PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than were charged for the old perishable Silver Prints. Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting instrument for the production of Children's

Portraits, ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY! Taken Daily at Moderate Charges, STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Ready.

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Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming. The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung. The Idol Kwoh Shing Wang. Geographical Notes on the Province of

Kiangsi. Stray Notes on Chinese Reader's Manual. Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.

Translations of Chinese School-books. The Ballads of the Shi-king. The Pekingese Ju-shëng. Notes on Chinese Grammar.

Jottings from the Book of Rites. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence, Notes and Queries :-

Devices for Keeping Time. Modes of Consulting the Oracles. Chinese Bank Notes.

The Mammoth. The Emperor Styled "Brother of the Sun and Moon."

The K'i-lin. A Remarkably Tame Bird. Legends on Sospetone and Chinaware. The Portuguese Sovereignty over

Macao. Breeding Pearls, Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkons, November 9, 1878,

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTIOE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship "GAELIC" are hereby notified that . their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence and/or from Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained, on countersignature of Bills of Lading. Goods remaining unclaimed after the

Sist instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been eff ated. G, B. EMORY,

Hongkong, December 23, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

NOTION TO CONSIGNE CS.

YONSIGNEES of the following Orage are requested to send in their Bills of Lisding to the Undersigned for counter. signature. and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and exponse.

No Fire Insurance has Boon effected. L RENNEQUIN. Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr." Tan Sive, 4 pkgs. Metal, from Batavia.

Ex " Pei Ho." NMK (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge V & O Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery. Herghong, December 5, 1878,

Entertainment.

CITY HALL,

begs to announce that he will chorth take his ..

FAREWELL BENEFIT, which occasion he will be assisted by the AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,

Bervices.

MR. H. VERNON'S

Particulars shortly. Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

For Sale.

STULTZ, RECEIVED PER "COYPHRENES, HAS FOR SALE-

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. --WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. HATS IN EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

NOTIOE.

FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS. Apply at the GAS WORKS, West-Point, obtained immediately after landing. A. NEWTON, Manager.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vassels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

FONTENAVE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo. - Landstein & Co. Napier, British barque, Capt. W. L.

Bryar. - Monsageries Maritimes. TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jessen. - Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Chs. H. Nelson. - Captain. S. R. BEARCE, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes, -Russell & Co.

CINGALEE, British barque, Captain John Le Couter. - Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ARTHER, British barque, Capt. Burmese, for Yokohama. R. Wills. - Chinese. KVIE, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole

Larsen. - Meyer & Co. MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.-Rozario & Co.

DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo. Scott. - Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"
Captain Young, will be de-" DOUGLAS,"

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878. FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO. The Steamship "HAILOONG,"

spatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 29th Inst., at 10 a.m.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

LOST.

SMALL WHITE DOG, answers to the name "Gypsy." A liberal Reward will be given by returning it to No. 12, Hollywood Road. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.



TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

January, 1879, at Noon. Tea and General Cargo for London will be converted via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MolVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, December 27, 1878,

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship. " YANGTSZE," E. ECHULTZE, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, Saturday, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMBSEN & Co. Hongkong, December 27, 1878. a de28

NOTION. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. -PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m. L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADDY," Commandant GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 29th Inst., at Daylight. L HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

> IRAOUADDY. NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per E. S. Copernie, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-DAY, the 27th Inst., at 2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURS DAY, the 2nd January, 1879, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been offected. L. HENNEQUIN,

do'g. Agent. Hangkong, December 27, 1878

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS,

Dec. 27, Yangteze, British steamer, from Dec. 27, Yungching, Chinese steamer,

from Canton. Dec. 27, Onward, British schooner, 200, H. Boysen, Swatow Dec. 15, Beans. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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TO DEPART.

DEPARTURES.

Holstein, for Guam.

which will be closed as follows :-Douglas, for Coast Ports. 2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Penedo, for Saigon.

(except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with until the time of departure.

(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping. Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Thales leaves for Holhow, &c. Noon. - Somerest leaves for Singapore, do 3 p.m. - Zamboanga leaves for Port

4 p.m.—Volga leaves for Yokohama. 4 p.m. - Yangtsze leaves for Shanghai.

Daylight. - Douglas leaves for Coast Ports. 10 a.m. Hailoong leaves for Amoy, &c.

date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY (New Year Day), Jan. 1, 1879;-Local Banks close for Public Business,

THURSDAY, January 2:-Goods per Iraquaddy undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing.

Francisco.

BATURDAY, January 4:-

SUMDAY, January 5 :--

Monday, January 6:-2p.m. -- Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at the Hon. J. M. Price's residence,

Alma leaves for London on or before

3 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance "o., I imited, at the

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-HONGKONG DISPENSARY

For SINGAPORE, E. AUSTRALIA, &c.-Per Somerset, at 1 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously

For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY, COOK-TOWN, MELBOURNE, &c -Per Zaviboanga, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst, 12 cent rates.

For SHANGHAL .-Per Yungching, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

Per Yangtsze, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

Por Iraquaddy, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late

For YOKOHAMA.-Per Volga, at 3.80 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO,--Per Burmese, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified, For TAKOW, TAIWAN, AND YOKO-HAMA.---

Per Agean, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW,-Per Douglas, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the

28th inst., instead of as previously notified. For SAIGON .--

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .---

3rd January.

The French Contract Packet Peiho will Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples; to Salgen, Singapore, Batavia Galle, Australia, New Zealand Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, les, Réunion, Mauritius, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-

Friday, 27th December .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Office closen except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all nights Saturday, 28th December,-

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-ing of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter ceases.

11 a.M., Mails closed, except for Late 11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

ontiraly. 11.40 A.M., Letters may be Posted on board the Packet with the late fee of last night.] 18 cents until time of departure. Honghong, December 12, 1878.

11 30 a.M., when the Post Office (LOBE

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Gaelic. will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 2nd January, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States,

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies

Darwin, do.

General Momoranda.

SUNDAY, December 29 :--Daylight .- Iraouaddy leaves for Shang-

TURBDAY, December 31 :-Goods per Gaelic undelivered after this

3 p.m. -Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Noon,-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Manila II leaves for San Francisco on or about this date,

Caine Road. Baiday, January 10:-

this date. MONDAY, January 13:-

Head Office, Hongkong. MONDAY, January 20:-Sale of the Iron Sorew Steamship America, by Mearra, Hughes & Liegge, on or

about this date;

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The publication of this issue commenced

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

BIRTH. On the 11th Nov., at Claremont, Balham-Per Clive, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the bill, the wife of John S. Lapraik, of a son MARRIAGES.

On the 12th Nov., at S.S. Peter and Paul, Teddington, by the Rev. D. Trinder, M.A., and the Rev. J. D. Frost, B.D. whole fire was the battle to prevent the Alfred Bulmer Johnson, of Hongkong, flames from crossing from Koss's, at the be despatched from Hongkong on youngest son of the late Robert Johnson. bottom of Pottinger Street, to the house SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with of Tooting, Surrey, to Magdalene, youngest daughter of the late William Henry Barton Deputy-Master and Comptroller of the

> Royal Mint. On the 11th Oct., at-Rio de Janeiro, at the British Consulate, and afterwards on board H.M.S. Volage, by the Rev. J. B. Budds, B.A., Naval Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. F. Young, M.A., British Chaplain at Rio, Edward Norton, of Buenos Ayres, late of Hongkong, son of the late Edward Norton, of Scole, Norfolk to Edith Sarab. eldest daughter of Alfred Wills, Q C., of the Middle Temple, and of Esher, Surrey.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1878.

TERRIFIC FIRE IN HONGKONG.

DESTRUCTION OF SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF HOUSES.

"CHINA MAIL" OFFICE, Thursday, Dec. 26th. Speaking in the Legislative Council a year or two ago with reference to the

through the Colony.

neral dealer's establishment in Endicott Lane, in the neighbourhood of the P. & O. Offices-the fire, fanned by a pretty strong bretze from the north, rapidly ex tended in a southerly direction through the Colony, crossed the Queen's Road and other streets, and was only brought under control this morning on reaching the Station Compound. The Civil Hospital and several European establishments are in ruins. So far as we could ascertain from a careful tramp round the scene of the of this block, owing to the southerly direction of the wind, escaped without injury, the P. & O. offices being among stand against the fire in Gilman's street, tween it and Gilman's Bezsar could be only kept free from the flames at the least of the activity and success of the ever, it must not be understood that there is urmixed satisfaction abroad at lest night and this piprning in fact many for about seventeen hours, devouring

people are of opinion that the fire ought not have been allowed to cross the Queen's Road. Having got across this main. thoroughfare, the fire was not stayed in its westerly course until it reached the Stag Hotel, which is the first building standing intact to the westward on that side of the way. From the Stag Hotel the fire pursued its southerly course (to most people the course probably seemed a south-easterly one) until, on its western limit, it reached Schmidt's, the gunmaker's, at the corner of Peel and Wellington Streets. This establishment it burnt, but left untouched A Lock's, gold and silver-smith's shop, at the opposite western corner. Thence the fire took its way upwards to the walls of the Police, Magistracy, and Goal establishments, where its southerly course was arrested. Cochrane Street, Gutzlaff Street, and Graham Street, were entirely destroyed, and also portions of Stanley Street, Wellington Street, Gage Street, Lyndhurst Terrace and Hollywood Road. The eastern limit of the fire in the Queen's Road on the north side is the entrance gate to the P. & O. Offices. which is to the east of the Offices themselves. From this gate the eastern limit of the fire crosses the Queen's Road, and extends eastwards to Koss's establishment, whence it passes traight up Pottinger Street to the walls of the Central Police Station. The whole of the eastern side of Pottinger Street is

saved, while the whole of the opposite

Perhaps the most exciting work of the

on the opposite side of that thoroughfare, The saving of the whole of the fine block of buildings terminating in the Hongkong Dispensary at the eastern end depended on the success of this conflict between the firemen and the flames, and probably also the safety of the Hongkong Club, the China Mail Office, the German Club, and the whole block of noble buildings extending eastwards from the German Club to the Cathedral. It did not appear to have been discovered until 10 or 11 o'clock this morning that the fire was quietly working its way towards Koss's establishment and another lofty building a little higher up Pottinger Street. The latter establishment first attracted attention, and a great deal was done in the way of removing the verandah and other wood-work to prevent the flames from spreading to the low building exactly opposite. Later on an attempt was made to blow up the same house with gunpowder or dynamite, but it was only partially successful, and presently the [A portion of the following appeared house was in full blaze. Koes's estabin a special issue of the China Mail lishment also burst into flames at about the same time. An effort had also been made to blow this building up when it was seen that it must go, and that there was considerable danger of its communicating the flames to the Hongkong Disorganisation of the Fire Brigade, Sir pensary block, but beyond smashing the Arthur Kennedy said that sometimes, glass, tearing the interior to pieces somewhen he looked down from Government | what, and bulging out the iron shutters, House on the closely built dwellings and the explosion had little effect. Presently business establishments in the centre of the imposing building burst from top tothis city, he trembled to think what the bottom into flames. The iron shutters consequences might be of a fire originating | became red-hot, and the interior of the in the midst of those buildings. Our building was like a roaring furnace. late Governor could hardly have ima- Most people were inclined to the opinion gined on these occasions a worse calami- that it was impossible to save the Hongty from fire than befell this Colony last kong Dispensary block, and preparations night. Within the space of about twelve | were made in the most remote of the hours hundreds of houses have been buildings, and even in the succeeding destroyed, and probably thousands of block, in which the Club and the people have been deprived of their homes. office of this paper are situated, for a It is calculated that about ten acres of sudden removal of effects. The firemen ground have been covered by the fire, did their best, but with the miserable and, when it is added that the catas- streams of water at their command, they trophe has occurred in a densely popul could do no more than keep the walls of lated part of Victoria, where rows after the house opposite to the roaring conrows of houses succeed each other in flagration at Koss's wetted. The jets close order, some idea of the amount of | would-not reach to the top of the buildthe property destroyed may be conjecting. To make matters worse the fire in tured. The fire originated last night the building about thirty yards higher (Christmas Day) at about 11 p.m., and up the hill became more intense, and at at the moment of writing this (3 p.m. one period fire was discovered in the low to-day) the last fierce battle between building opposite, previously referred to, the firemen and the flames has just been but was speedily extinguished. Forbrought to a victorious conclusion. It tunately the wind was light, and a little is believed that the conflagration has later was blowing straight up the hill. now been brought fairly under centrol, Slowly the flames in the two buildings although a high wind and a little lack | were reduced in intensity, and a mighty of watchfulness on the part of the fire- sigh of relief must have gone round men might result in the flames again when it was seen that the firemen had setting out on their destructive course | obtained control of the fire, and that the Hongkong Dispensary block and succeed-Commencing at Fisher's-a small ge- ing blocks were saved.

lack of system or a lamentable want of harmony existed amongst the diff rent bodies at work extinguishing the great fire of last night. Every one appears to think that the flames ought to have circumscribed to a very small compass, and that the bolder measures of making a cordon of gaps around the burning mass, by means of pulling down or blowing up neighbouring houses, ought to have been taken hours before they were attempted. It is admittedy easy to comment upon how the door was not conflagration this morning, its bound- fastened after the steed is miles away; and aries are as follows. On the west, Gilman's | we should be sorry to point to any parti-Bazaar bounds the block of Praya build- cular officials, civil or military, upreat. The fresh breeze also may have had much to do with the alarming apread of the fire. The result, however, is the same. While flattering ourselves for the last the buildings saved from the devouring ten years that a fire had no chance sgainst element. The firemen made a desperate our Brigades and Engines, we have discovered to our horror and amazement that but the row of buildings intervening be- a fire can assume the mastery, spread from block to block and street to street, and baffle all the skill or preconceived notions of our Fire-Master and his assistants (Messre, Praya end. This morning an immense C. V. Creagh and J. P. McEuen). How quantity of half-burnt firewood could be the fatal delay to blow up the unburnt seen in the Bazzar-one evidence at adjacent buildings, especially corner houses, was occasioned, we are not as yet in a firemen in their efforts to get the conflag. position to say. The Fire-Master it apration under. In saying so much, how. pears gave his authority to destroy in order to save, early in the evening, but for some unaccountable reason the opportunity was lost, and the flames the way in which things were managed marched on unchecked. It burnt fleroely

A general feeling prevails that a gross

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Hongkong, November 5, 1878.

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ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt,

PHARTON, British barque, Captain H. Dec. 27, Namoa, for Amoy. Scheel, -Wieler & Co.

Per Penedo, from Salgon, 120 Chinese. SHIPPING REPORTS. To-day's Advertisements. The British schooner Onward reports:

Mar.

28, Oracle,

30, Bristolian,

28. Underwriter,

16, Annie Bow,

8, Sydenham,

28. Abbey Cooper,

Stant.

30, Sumarlide,

31, Charmer,

Alfredo.

Urania,

16, Friedrich.

13, Excelsion,

17, Cilurnum,

23, Coloma,

16, Jacqbine.

19, Hermann,

8, Jan Peter.

12, Hector (e.),

Glenorchy.

Nestor (s.)

17, James Shepherd,

10. Corea.

11, Lota,

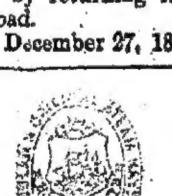
27, Pilgrim,

16, Lorimer,

on SUNDAY, the 29th Instant, at Daylight, The following is corrected from the latest instead of as previously advertised. London and Colonial Papers, &c .-

Captain Goods, will be de-

For Freight or Passage, apply to Hongkong, December 27, 1878.



STEAM FOR_ SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-

VIA BOMBAY,

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "TEHERAN," Captain A. H. Johnson, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 4th

MAILS will close:-For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS .-Per Hakon Edelstein, at 930 a.m. Tomorrow, the 28th inst., instead of as transferred to the Calcutta steamer at previously notified.

As we go to press we observe that the fire shows signs of revival at several important points. It is stated that some of the engines have been sent home! Should a breeze arise, and an insufficient supply of water be on the spot, it is quite possible might be found for their conduct. But we may have a repetition of the scene of The Magistracy is certainly threstened with conflagration at the moment we write (7 p.m.)

Patino did good service during the fire.

"CHINA MAIL" OFFICE, Friday, Dec. 27th.

or six o'clock last night revived the fire able to save from the flames. The wail at several points, and, owing to the of the poor children of these unfortunate absence of engines and firemen, matters people must have been noticed by every began at one time to wear a rather one walking in the neighbourhood of serious aspect, especially in the neigh- the Clock Tower last evening. bourhood of the Magistracy. The board the Perusia these people would breeze, however, did not strengthen, have been comfortably housed, and and when the engines were again got to excellent arrangements would have been work, the revived fires were quickly at their disposal for the cooking of their reduced to safe limits. This morning food, and the storage of the household little is to be seen but ruined walls, and effects that have been left to them. A here and there smouldering fires a ter rible change in the bright and prosperous the Chinese are "peculiar" in this as in scene the same locality presented on other matters. We know of several Christmas morning. A walk through cases where offers of assistance were the ruined streets, from which the debris | flatly declined; blankets were refused by was being rapidly cleared away this women whose children were crying in of the property destroyed to be appre- which looks for no return save the satisfire we have accurately described in a seems to have no place in many of the creating a disturbance by yelling previous article.

A gentleman, who was among the first arrivals at Fisher's shop, where the fire has merely its commercial value either originated, says that when he got there to those who offer or their domestic he saw sparks coming from the house, but that there were no flames for a time. The door was fastened, and there appeared to be no one in the house. He detected a smell of kerosine, and others present noticed it and spoke about it. This smell was observed fifty yards from the house. Very soon after the alarm was given the house burst into flames, and the fire rapidly extended into the Queen's Road. . The occurrence of fires of the conflagration.

to save the Roman Catholic Cathedral. | while the fire raged. The soldiers and sailors did remarkably arder, and exertions for the public burg, 250,000 (Siemssen & Co.); Imperi

property roughly estimated at about a good. The fire-brigades worked hard rial Fire Insurance Co., \$30,000 (Gibb, | honor of the regiment, than which a better | may be counted by thousands. Good Hook million of dollars. How the Brigade men, and manfully, although there can be Livingston & Co.); Lancashire Insurance no two opinions upon the point that Co., \$17,000 (Arnhold Karberg & Co.); their general direction was bad. It is and Royal, \$10,000 (Melchers & Co.) most important that the command on Mr Fisher, in whose house the such occasions as these should be vested originated, is insured in the Lancashire in one competent individual, and that to the extent of \$5,000. We have not doing his word should be absolute law, while yet learnt how much the Sun Office or he should be at all times in a position to the Alliance has suffered; but we are receive advice, information, and assistance informed that the Scottish Imperial was from the military and possibly naval fortunate in escaping all loss from the authorities. The jets of water used in fire. The fire which we have just experienced

something contemptible. Whether this was the fault of the water supply or of the engines we are unable to say, but it is certain that the fire brigades here can never be regarded as efficient until they can, at a reasonable distance from the Praya, reach the tops of moderately lofty houses with their streams of water. If it be true that the Tung Wah Hospital Committee has refused an offer of the Captain of the Perusia to accommodate seven or eight hundred of the homeless Chinese on board his vessel that refusal should sound the death-knell cumstances; but a detachment from the of the influence of the semi-official body in question. We are certain that the offer was made, and equally positive that the offer was refused. Had the Tung Wah Hospital Committee undertaken to substitute other accommodation for that which they refused, some excuse as a matter of fact we can assert from exposed to the cold blasts across the Praya and up Wyndham Street, with no other protection from the chills of the night than that afforded them by the The light breeze that arose about five few miserable coverings than they were The boundaries and area of the faction of having helped a fellow-man

make any mention of the fact that H. E. the Governor arrived on the spot about three o'clock in the morning, he having till that hour been quite unaware of the calamity that had turned out the Christpandemonium of fire and confusion. setting a wooden erection adjoining Mr to-day, to the no small satisfaction of the one. or in starting a conflagration at Stanley, his goods and chattels as lost. Mr seeing that no general attempt seems to Price, the Surveyor General, was most have been made to rob or pillage either energetic in his efforts during the entire question? Individual malice or interest officers, naval and military, were praisemay mention one or two circumstances, It would be invidious to give names, which are evidence, at least, of a desire where so many were working so hard on the part of some individuals among and so willingly. A word, however, the Chinese to spread the fire after it had must be said in praise of the Hongkong originated. We hear on very good au- Volunteers, over forty of whom turned to the desirability of some enquiry being as well as to the readiness shown by the the wood-work troken away. held both as to the origin and progress military authorities to assist the Police in preserving order, we may attribute Bishop Raimondi and Father Burghi- the absence of any serious occurrences

While we cannot give anything like well on the whole, considering that the an idea, at least as yet, of the loss susjolly. With the exception of a few men estimate can be given of the losses sus. left in care of the vessels, we understand | tained by the various Insurance Offices, that the whole of the crews of the Victor | home as well as local. The Honokong Emanuel and the other gunboats in har- Fire sets down its losses at \$150,000, bour were, or had leave to be, on shore, and we understand they may come withand it would assuredly be expecting in that figure. We are informed that more from the blue eachets and soldiers the China Fire will cover their losses than could be expected from civilians on by \$70,000 or \$80,000-a sum much Christmas day if the precision and smart- less than was at first expected it would ness of every day life was anticipated on the .- It will therefore be seen that their part on Wednesday night. As it our local underwriting companies will was there was a considerable amount of not suffer so heavily as the picture of laxity about "Jack" and his military desolation and destruction would lead confrere during the night, which we feel one to suppose. We ought to add that confident would not have been observable the On Tai, the Chinese company, will on any other occasion. Many of the lose a little over \$20,000. The Home seamen, and the bulk of the soldiers, Offices, as is but right, share the loss, as did their duty in a very creditable follows :- Phonix Fire Insurance Co., manner-remembering that, as servants and Liverpool London & Globe, \$60,000 of saving it, looting and rolling about Tsong Tuk Lee Lane, 10, Guizlaff Street of their country, one of their first (Douglas Lapraik & Co.); The Transduties should be the preservation of Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Ham-

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

will long be remembered in Hongkong as one of the most disastrous which has ever occurred. It is wholly impossible to give an adequate estimate of the value of the property destroyed, but roughly it may fairly be taken at nearly two millions o dollars, as, independent of the value of the house property-which in itself must have been considerable, we have to take into account the numbers of Chinese whose little all has been destroyed, as well as the more valuable stock of the shop-keepers. The local insurance Offices are sufferers to a considerable amount, about \$300,000 a \$400,000. Hundreds if not thousands of families have been rendered houseless and homeless. Independent of the severe less of property, the distress occasioned by this to us unparallelled catastrophe must be tremendous. The fire originated in a house at the Queen's Road end of Endicott Lane. The house was occupied by a European named ward Fisher, who was engaged our own observation that many Chinese small commission business. The alarm families passed the night, in the open air | was given about 10.45 p.m. last night, at a time, moreover, when nearly all doubtless enjoying their Christmas dinner The brigades nevertheless turned out with alacrity, and about a quarter of an hour after the alarm had been given one of the Government steam engines was got to work and a good stream of water was brought to play on the flames, which by this time had reached the Queen's Road and the adjoining and opposite houses in the lane :-the flames shooting into the air for several yards and throwing a lurid glare over the neighbourhood. Another engine, a hand engine, was got to work on the Queen's Koad side, but the puny efforts of the engines proved of no avail and it was perfectly evident to almost everyone that nothing could save the adjoining buildings, but instantly pulling down or minthe same time, it must be admitted that ing the next few houses. The wind was blowing fresh from the N. E. at the time and therefore the probable di rection of the fire could be easily judged. That some one blundered there can be no two opinions, and some one was or ought to have been responsible; and morning, will enable an idea of the extent | the cold; and the feeling of true charity | it is scandalous that such gross mismanagement should be allowed to occur. The Chinese rabble who carry about lamps shouting, and the crowds of coolies Chinese sufferers. They trust no one, frightened tenants rushing to and and fancy that every offer made them carrying loads of furniture, who always to be found at fires in part of the world, increased the confusion. The flames spread rapidly to the westward We most unaccountably omitted to the houses in the Queen's Road opposite being in imminent danger, whilst in the lane the fire was creeping its way slowly but surely back towards the Praya. Attention was at once directed to prevent the opposite houses catching, but the heat was mas feasters to fight against a sort of stand in front of the burning buildings and direct a hose to the opposite side. An im-Frem that hour the Governor, accom- promptu screen was held up so as to abate panied by Major Palmer, A.D.C., was to the glare and heat; this proceeding was Civil Hospital was a heap of ruins. Alat three other places the same night, be found at nearly every point of the however hopeless, and those in authority were strongly advised to pull down some of namely, Kowloon, Wong-nei-chong, and conflagration; and it would seem that the adjoining houses or have them blown Stanley, certainly does seem a little Mr Creagh is the better for H. E.'s down. Urders and counter orders were given singular, although there appears to be consideration. Last night we stated that first by everybody, the fire meanwhile little ground for supposing that these Mr Creagh's quarters were "locted"; spreading rapidly. It was soon evident: disasters were the concerted work of but as this operation was carried on by that the conflagration, unless some prompt incendiaries. What, for example, could H. E., the proceeds were safely stowed measures were taken to stop its probe the object of a band of rascals in at Government House, and there-found gress, would become a dreadfully serious Water was almost useless and served but to intensify the heat, yet Francis's bungalow at Kowloon on fire, Fire-Master, who had himself given up nothing was done. At 5 minutes past midnight the opposite side of Queen's Road caught fire at No. 98, and it was a mere question of time when the whole of the in Hongkong, or the outlying places in progress of the fire; and many of the adjacent houses would be at the mercy of the flames. The direction which the fire took was very irregular, and some houses escapmay have accounted for one or two of worthily prominent in everything that, ed injury most miraculously. This was owing the fires; and while on this subject we under the circumstances, could be done. of course in a great measure to the direction of the wind which varied considerably, and partly also to the construction of the houses. The fire appears to have travelled gradually to the Queen's Road in a westerly direction and crept through to Tung Man Lane, thence it found its way by the thority that on one gentleman, who was out for guard and patrol duty during Queen's Road to Wing On Lane and taking an active part in the conflict last night. The Hongkong Bank (which Gilman's Street where it made consideragainst the flames; entering a native was the head quarters) and the Post office able havor, the whole of both streets behouse threatened with the fire, he found were the public institutions placed under ing nearly destroyed. At Gilman's Bazzar a bale of goods standing in a room with their care; and patrols were kept up the fire was successfully fought by the firea quantity of kerosine oil spread around in various districts of the city. Con- men. On the south side of Queen's Road it on the floor. Another gentleman sidering that most of the members spent from the Stag Hotel to No. 96 was comstates that he discovered, in one of the an almost sleepless night while the fire escaped unscathed and Nos. 82 84 88 habitations he entered, a train of gun- was at its height, this duty was no 89 and 90 were free from damage by fire powder terminating in a pile of inflam- empty formality on the part of our but suffered considerably at the hands of mable chips. These circumstances point gallant Volunteer Corps. To this fact, t ose who destroyed to save, by having was less me: ciful to No. 80 although it was to the eastward of the P. & O. Company's gate, the limit of the fire on the south side. and it is only a other instance of gross gnoli request us to tender their best during the night-most of the 150 pri- mismanagement as had the engines been thanks to the Fire Brigade and military soners dealt with at the Magistracy to- brought to play on the lee side of the fire and caval authorities for the efforts made day being Chinese who were taken up the spread of the flames in this direction into requisition. The fire is still Sm uldcould have been easily prevented. Messrs Camasjee Pullarjee & Co.'s house in Pottinger Street is another instance of flokieness on the part of the fiery element, gerous walls which were left standing. fire occurred on Christmas night, and tained by individual property-holders, the houses on either side being totally most of them were at the time on leave especially these who sought not safety destroyed. Commodore Watson was on and—to use a mild phrase—remarkably in insurance policies, a pretty accurate the ac ne in uniform with a number of blue jackets under Lieut. Needham (who worked like a giant) who as usual worked most manfully, what few there were of them; but on account of it being Christmas night most of the men were on shore on liber y and it was impossible to collect them together for joint action under a recognized leader. The men of the Spanish tra sport Patino abis corps had been hard at work the rendered good service, as did also numbers | night previous they did not muster in of the troops; the Artillery and Engineers very great force. About 14 turned out were in readiness to destroy in order from 6 to 12, and 80 from 12 till day. Hence & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, to save and were quite able to do light, but many or these had satisfied Passods in chorage, 21st Dec., 1878; it once they obtained the requisite au- themselves with only a couple of hours rest.

disgusted at the indecision displayed

behaved has hitherto never been stationed and Ladder Company would be an inestimhere, we trust that the black sheep will be able boon at a fire and would have renderdealt severely with. The drunkenness ed good service on the present occasion might be overlooked as it may in a mea- The treasure from the Chartered Bank was sure be ascribed to the festive season of the sent on board H. M. S. Kestrel last night year, but the looting is a matter which, besides tarnishing the good name of the the bank might fall a victim to the fire. regiment, is calculated to destroy the confidence which the Chinese are always dis- told off to guard the Oriental Bank. posed to place in Europeans on such occasions. General Donovan was also present in uniform, besides many other notables. There was apparently a total want of organization throughout, everyone giving orders, and everyone else countermanding them. The fire had the South side of Queen's Road well in hand by 20 minutes past 12, and a bugle was sounded to give the alarm to stand clear presumably as a warning that powder was about to be used,—but unfortunately this was never done. Some would be smart hands were engaged destroying property and throwing furniture into the street, which however well intentioned served no other purpose than forming a lead for the fire. The indecision displayed as to the advisability of using powder was to say the least of it most childish the only objection appeared to be that a few lives might be lost, but with proper precaution such a possibility would be nearly impossible. Two lives were, we believe, lost on the last occasion on which it was used. Five minutes to one Woo Cheong's photographer's shop was on fire, and the Stag Hotel appeared to be doomed, but most miraculously to relate the wind auddenly shifted 160m N. E. round by N. to N. W., thus clearing the Stag, which got off with very hight damage. I hose in power soon became aware of the folly they had been guilty of in not blowing up sooner, but the fire was by this time licking its way in all directions, everyone appearing staggered at the immensity of the conflagration. The wind continued to blow very fresh with occasional heavy squalls, and the dry season we have lately erjoyed had made every inflammable substance easily ignitible. That the brigades worked hard there could be no doubt, but their efforts were almost useless so widespread was the calamity. In Mr Schmidt's (the gun maker's) house there were a number of cartridges, and these were at once got out, everything else being lest. Before 2 a.m. the fire had extended its ravages eastward as far as the P. & O. gate, where its progress was fortunately stayed. The godowns however were not out of danger. At 10 minutes past 3 o'clock the first charge of powder was exploded, and a house at the corner of the

Wellington and Peel Streets brought to the ground. The fire was gradually creeping towards Messra Vogel Hagedorn & Co.'s premises, the lanes at the rear, most of which where filled with firewood, burning at a white heat, the whole being one mass of flame. The Praya and upper roads were all filled with goods of every conceivable description. and the thieves had it all their own way, it was in fact wholly impossible for the police to have done more than they did; as it was 150 or 200 men were arrested. Two more houses were blown down in Peel Street before 4 o'clock, and subsequently many others. The fire had complete mastery of the town, and was creeping slowly but surely up the hill as far as Gage Street, sweeping away the whole block of houses between it and Cochrane Street. The fire then travelled along Lyndhurst derrace, through Stanley Street to the New Civil | day. so intense that it was wholly impossible to Flospital which caught fire at 1 past 9 o'clock. Part of it was blown down to prevent the flames from reaching the Central, and at noon or shortly afterwards the wards, and the Police Station had to be carefully watched to prevent the flames spreading further in that direction. detachment of the 74th was told off to guard the Gaol in case of accident. The Station Yard was full of all sorts of furniture and property of every description.

Numbers of Europeans were drunk owing in a measure to the festive season, and partly to the opportunites afforded them of obtaining the wherewithall, and some very disgusting and many amusing sights was the necessary result. A deal of looting was carried on by both Europeans and Chinese, who, not content with enriching themselves by the misery of others, went straight to the Police Station and robbed Mr Oreagh's and the Inspectors' quarters, in one instance carrying off a chest of drawers bodily; not content with this some then set to work and wilfully and their hands upon. The patients from the Civil Hospital were removed to the Lock Hospital. At 7.50 a.m. the of the R. C. Cathedral caught. fire, and had it not been quickly noticed and put out by the aid of buckets there is no knowing where it would have ended. We believe that there have been several accidents, but we have not heard of any loss of life; one woman was taken out of a house of ill fame drunk, her house being at the time in a blaze, a fact of which she was quite ignorant and indifferent. regret to say the Mr Creagh the Acting Superi tendent of the Fire Brigade Colonel Shervington have each by the mail then being made up. had one of their feet hurt. There are many of the worst dens of infemy cleared We understand that the Captain of

suit; whilst several godowns been brought ering as we go to press. During the day bodies of men have been engaged pulling down the many very dan. Macao. About \$60,000 in notes and \$19 000 in silver were found in a vault under the ruins of Woo Hang's shop, Queen's Road Central, and removed by a party of armed police to a place of safety. We noticed a safe (fireproof of course) with the smoke issuing

609 Chinese, and many others followed

from it which looked much as if it had been tampered with.

A few of the Volunteers did duty last night as guards, but as many of that honorthority; it was evident that they were A fair estimate of the number of houses destroyed is 400. In Endicott Lane 6, Tung by those whose duty it was to not. Man Lane, 20, Wing On Lane, 30, Gilman's Many of the 74th Highlanders worked Street 20. Gilmans Bataar 46, Queen's splendidly and did good service, but we Road 44, Stanley Street 38, Poo Shing Lane regret we are unable to say as much 10, Wellington Street, 55, Gage Street, 9, for all of them, as many acted most Londhurst Terrace 34 (many of them quite disgracefully, destroying property instead new), Hollywood Rood 7, Oochran reset 41, in a beastly state of intoxication from liquor 13. Graham Street 29. Peel Street 7; but obtained in many instances in a s-mewhat the numb r of persons huddled together in doubtful manner-during the fire, For the this number of houses is surprising and Namos,

for safety as there was no telling how soon A detachment of the 74th Highlanders was

As might have been expected the thieves were not idle but made what they could whilst the fire lasted. The absence of cases at the Police Court last Tuesday was amply compensated for to-day as there were about 150, in fact so many that it was thought necessary to have men from the 74th Highlanders in the Court with fixed bayonets to guard against an outbreak and Messrs Hayllar and Barff sat jointly as Magistrates, to assist with the cases, which were however not of a very serious nature and were treated very leniently by all the Magistrates, who appirently considered the temptation to which the poor creatures had been subjected Most of them were either fined or sent to terms of imprisonment ranging from to 14 days with hard labour. A number of the European prisoners were engaged during the day cleaning the Police Station yards which were covered with pieces of charred wood and the remains of the spoils which had rained upon the station. Many people were very good to the poor creatures who were left to pass the night in the streets, and Mr Dorab jee of the Hongkong Hotel supplied beer and biscuits free for the firemen. Mr Fisher, in whose house the fire originated, was insured for \$5,000.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL,"

(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

BOMBAY, 23rd December, 1878. Despatches from General Brown express hopes that he will occupy Jellalabad-to-day. It is also reported that the Ameer has fled, leaving Yakoob Khan in power.

London, 23rd December, 1878. The Liberals of the County of Darry have obtained the vacant seat for their nominee full appointment of Minister. by a large majority.

The Sultan has issued an Imperial Irade authorising the Austro-Turkey Convention, and Commissioners have been appointed for the rectification of the frontiers of Greece.

The "Golos" announces that a Conven- ment. tion has been concluded between the Ameer of Afganistan and the Government of St. Petersburg, under which the latter, recognising the present regime, binds itself to support morally the integrity and independence of Afghanistan.

The marriage of the Duke of Cumberland and the Princess Thyra was celebrated to-

LONDON, 26th December, 1878. The Duke of Edinburgh has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

of Afghanistan. . The " New Free Press" of Vienna an-

nounces that the Sultan has authorised the settlement of the rectification of the Frontiers of Montenegro at once.

The Porte is discussing the feasibility of raising a new Loan to be guaranteed by the European Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cornes of the China Mail containing the full account of the Great Fire may be had at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s and Messrs MacEwen, Frickel & Co's., early to-morrow maliciously destroyed all they could lay morning. Copies may also beliebtained at

> THE O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Hector, Captain Bellinge, from Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning.

We are requested to remind our readers that newspapers and books must now be posted (for either mail) before 10 a.m. on Mail day; and to state that such articles posted after that hour will not be forwarded

THE Portuguese barque Venus, which left the S. S. Perusia offered an asylum for Macao for Timor with troops at the latter part of November last, was totally wrecked off Colloray. All hands saved. The str. Pernambuco will bring on the troops to

> THE Band of the 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess this evening, commencing at 8.45 p.m.:-

Gvertuie, Stradella, Flotow. Selection Crown Diamonds Auber. Value, Lies Roses Metra. Galop Storm Bird Faust. MR J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster,

Henne & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Arrivard During the Week -Dec. 16, Douglas, from Hongkong; 18, Black Prince, from Shanghai; 18, Queen of the West, from Shanghai; 19, Haeting, from Shanghai; 19, Namoa, from Hongkong. Departures During the Week .- Dec. 15,

Yesso, for Hongkong; 17, Appin, for Shanghal; 18, Lunan, for hanghal; 19, Douglas for Hongkong. Shipping in Port,-Christian, Kolgs, Menatitlan, Sheldrake, Rose Boettober, Black Prince, Queen of the West, Haeting,

OORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Dec. 27, 1878. SIR.-Within the last two weeks the export duty on timber from Canton to Hongkong has been increased by 833 per

It cannot of course be possible that the Hoppo was aware that we should shortly require to rebuild nearly half of the town, or that the owners of property would have to pay him fourfold; but the coincidence is certainly striking.

Yours faithfully

A CARPENTER.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

(L. and C. Express, Nov. 15th.)

Liu Ta-Jen, the late Chinese Minister at Berlin, arrived in Paris on the 11th inst.. and will embark at Marseilles for China by the present mail steamer.

The English Secretary of the Japanese Legation, in reference to a telegram to the effect that the Japanese Government "had attempted to extort a confession from the Minister of Finance in Tokio by means of torture," is authorised by the Japanese Minister to declare such a statement to be unfounded.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Bachelor in Divinity on the Rey. Arthur Evans Moule, of the Church Missionary College, Islington, in consideration of his distinguished services as a mi sionary in China for seventeen years.

Sir Thomas Wade, K.C.B., whose departure for Peking has been delayed for some weeks, will leave by the present mail steamer Iraquaddy, from Marseilles for Calcutta, accompanied by Lady Wade. It is presumed that the object of visiting India is to confer with the Government on the subject of the Opium clauses in the Chefoo Convention and it is uncertain how long he may remain.

We understand that there is no foundation for the statements which have appeared in the daily English and German papers in regard to the separate negotiations between the German and Chinese Governments on the subject of the Lekin dues in China. Nor is there any truth in the assertion that, owing to the unfavourable condition of these alleged negotiations, the late Chinese Minister at Berlin will not be succeeded. As already announced by us, Li Fong Pao will occupy the post as Charge d'Affaires. and will probably receive from Peking the

The Chinese Minister and his suite have visited the extensive works and show-rooms of Messrs. Defries and Son, in Houndsditch, the visit occupying upwards of two hours. His Excellency was much interested and pleased at the splendid specimens of workmanship that are displayed at the establish-

NEW ROCKETS.--Experiments have been made at Shoeburypess with a new description of rockets, having gun-cotton heads. and fired from a tube instead of the ordinary land service trough. The practice made showed a considerable improvement upon the usual behaviour of war rockets. which are generally distinguished by uncertainty of range and eccentricity in direction, and the explosion of the gun-cotton charges was found to produce great devastation, besides increasing the moral effect which is regarded as the chief advantage of retaining the rocket amongst the service projectiles. It is probable that the trough Yokoob Khan has been proclaimed Ameer tube for land service, as it has already been in the Royal Navy.

Quotations.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

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Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,630 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500 . Yangtsze Ins. Assoc. Tls. 725 Chinese Insurance Co., \$230 North China Ins. Co., Tis. 1,250 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$880 China Fire Ins. Co., \$210 H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$7 % prem. H.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., \$5 % prem. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tis. 17 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 102-Hongkong Gas Co., \$85 Hongkong Hotel Co., 668 Obina Sugar Refining Co., 45 Ohinese imperial Loan, £109 of 1877, £108/10.

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(Taken at Mesers Falconer & Co.'s Premises. Queen's Road

Номекоме, December 27, 1878. THERMOMETER-9 A.M. ... 1 P.M. ... 4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. Do. 1 P.M. $\mathbf{Do}_{\mathbf{c}}$ 4 P.M. Do. Maximum De, Minimum over night

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. "PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, BAIGON, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEIMLES;

MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS, AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

N SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1878, at Noon, the Company's 8. 8. PEIHO, Commandant PARQUALINI, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted until

Cargo will be received on board unti 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re-

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent. Hongkong, December 14, 1878.

Occidental & Oriental Steam Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

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CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1879, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for -Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghai. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st January. PARCEL PAUKAGES will be received at the Office antil 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same ts required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-SAGE TICKETS. For further information as to Freight os Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

To Let.

WANTED. Possession 15th January Next,

In a Central Locality. * HOUSE or 4-6 ROOMS. Apply to

A. B. C., China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

TO LET. TN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, aituate on Praya East :--

No. 2, The FIRST FLOOR, with immediate possession. No. 3, The FIRST FLOOR and BASE-MENT, either separately or together, with immediate possession.

As also, SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession,

TO LET. TRIEST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close · to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented. For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers. Apply w DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

TO BE LET. TOWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10. Praya Central.

Apply to

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TURNER & Co.

NOW BEADY. CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE

CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction, Royal Ph.D. Tübingen. Prise Five Dollars, or Two Dollars

AND A HALF per Part. To be had from Measts LANE, CRAWFORD &Co., Hongkong and Shanghal; and Messrs RELLY & WALSH, Shanghal. Hongkong, March 1, 1879,

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

COODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch..

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29 NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK, FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TIENDERS will be Received until the 1 '1st JANUABY, 1879, for the absolute' PURCHASE OF LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situate at Hongkew, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GO-LOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORK-SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 21 acres. The Foundry commands a fine River Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is. the most complete for the Building and

Repairing of Ships in China. Applicants are requested to state the Terms upon which they will take the above

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received until the 1sr January, 1879, for the UUMPANY'S DUCK, situate at Pootung, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about 1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about 4 English acres, with Two DWELLING HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of a Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Hankow Road,

SHANGHAL December 5, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

NY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, OF PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

Have This Day RESUMED my BUSI-NESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS. Surveyor to Local Indurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers, Hongkong, December 21, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. E. VINCENT.

Hougkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NTOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER. CARL DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 日 執 (Wah Tree Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him. CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

TN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr Leong Yook Onun, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper. KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Insurances. THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-

ANOH COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Abents in Hongkong for the abovenamed Company, are prepared to Grant Portoirs against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent. Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in

MEYER & Co.

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of A China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang. Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

> NO CHARGE FOR POLICY WEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

TTHE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FiRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant 1 POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Yessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Barbour, at the usual Terms

and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to s Discount of 20% on the Premia.

COMPANY OF MANCHESTER-AND LONDON, THE Undersigned have been appointed

MANOHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

MELUHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf, 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point, 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.	Vessel's Name.	anchor-	Captain.	Flag as Rig.		133me	Date of Arrival		Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
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	Ægean	5 c	ScottI	Brit,			ec. 2	22 J	lardine, Matheson & Co.	Takow & Yokohama	mox10A
Incorporated by Royal Charter and	Bombay	1 h		Brit.	str.	749 I	Feb. 1	12 8	Kwok Acheong	Yelsel	
Special Acts of Parliament.	Cassandra	5 c 2 b	Luck	Brit. Ger.	str.	937 1	Dec. 2	26 S	Siemssen of Co.	Yokohama & Hiogo	and attitude and a second
-k	Chinkiang		orr	Brit.	atr.	799 I	Dec. 2	21 3	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Forthrough 1800	Clive Dale	2 Ъ	Prowae	Brit.	str.	810 I	Dec. 1	8 A	Ah Yon Yuen Fat Hong	Saigon	3rd prox.
	Douglas	5 h	Young	Brit.	str,	864	Dec.	22 C	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	29th, daylight
CAPITAL £2,000,000.	Fame	6 h	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117		E	H. K. & W'pos Dock Co.		Tug Plying
	Gaelic	3 h 5 h	KidleyGoode	Brit. Brit.	str.	277	Dec. 2	25 I	Douglas Lapratk & Co.	Tameni, &c.	31st inst. 29th inst.
THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong	Hakon Adelston	5 с	Bergh	Norw.	str.	1004	Nov. 2	28 E	Нор Кее	S'apore and Penang	To-day.
for the above Company, are prepared	Iraouaddy	o c	Gauvain	Fch.	str.	2558	Dec.	26 B	Messageries Maritimes P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghal	To-morrow.
tent of £10,000 on any Building, or	Malacca Namoa	5 h	Westoby	Brit.	str.	862	Dec:	25 [Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	Mails To-day
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r cent.	Olympia Peiho	2 b	Nagel Pasqualini	Ger, Fch.	str.	783 2125	Dec.	15 5 25 5	Siemssen & Co. Messageries Maritimes	Salgon	28th inst.
GILMAN & Uo.,	Penedo	5 c	Cain	Brit.	str.	652	Dec.	191	Melchers & Co.		To-morrow To-day
Agents,	Perusia	5 c	McKirdy	Belg.	str.	2297	Dec.	17	Order W. H. Ray		
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.	Sea Gull	1 c	Roberts	Amer. Brit.	str.	1100	Dec.	11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	To-morrow
	Thales	. 4 c	Pocook	Brit.	Str.	825	Dec.	17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		• •
LANCASHIRE INSURANCE	Volga	4 0	Rolland	Fch.	str.	1200	Dec.	26	Messageries Maritimes Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama Shanghai	To-morrow
COMPANY.	Yangtaze	. 4 b	Wallace	Obi.	str.	766	Dec.	27	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
(FIRE AND LIFE.)	Zamboanga	40	Arranguren	Span.	str.	615	Dec.	12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	1	To-morrow
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CAPITAL,-Two MILLIONS STERLING.	Agate	3 -	Pike	Amer	bge	620			Captain		
DIEBLING,	Alden Besse	. 2 k	Noyes	. Amer.	bqe.	850	Dec.	17	Rozario & Co.	Tion	and the safe .
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant	Alma	. 7 c	cOhlason	. Swed.	bqe.	332 631	Nov.	20	Meyer & Co. Brandao & Co.	London Bombay	Ab'deen Dock
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on	Amy Turner	. 2 k	Newell	Amer.	bqe.	991	Nov.	10	Russell & Co.	- New York	TOOK TOOK
buildings or on Goods stored therein, on	Annie S. Hall	. 5 k	k Nelson	. Am.bk	ktine.	455	Nov.	29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
loods on board Vessels and on Hulls of	Aristide	. 3 0	c Lahaye	Fren.	bge.	899 491	Dec.	6	Carlowitz & Co. Master		Sands' Slip
nd Conditions.	Capella	2	c Anderssen	. Swed.	bqe.	807	Dec.	8	Captain		dire see
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-	Carnaryonshire	5 k	k Fishwick	Brit.	bqe.	388	Nov.	13	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		d 290
eived, and transmitted to the Directors		2	c Gautiere	Fch.	bge.	256	Nov.	22 14	Carlowitz & Co. Borneo Co., Limited		1
or their decision.	Chengtoo	8	c Capra	Nic. 8.1	m. sc.	173	Dec.	2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		1000
If required, protection will be granted on irat class Lives up to £1000 on a Single	Cingalee	1	o Le Couter	Brit.	bqe.	. 836	Dec.	12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Keelung	1.
ille,	Coloma	81	o Hall	Amer.	bge.	188	July Nov.	18 15	Russell & Co.		
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-	Commissary	4	b Morison	Amer. Brit.	. bge.	900	fot.	23	Meyer & Co.	London	2 m 2 2 -
cosals or any other information, apply to	Condor	21	k Steffens	Ger.	bge.	368	Nov.	22	Siemssen & Co.	Hamburg	Date .
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,	Connaught Ranger	2	Gertand	Brit.	bge	1153 459	Dec.	8 10	Melchers & Co. Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghal	Kiloon Dook Y
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.	Craig Ard	7	e Bertaud	Fch. Brit.	bge.	811	Nov.	24	Olyphant & Co.	Rangoon	April
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.	Orueader	47	o Ingram	Amer.	bge.	669	Nov.	27	Butterfield & Swire	Honolulu	
	Davina	11	h Scott	Brit.	bge.	425	Dec. Nov.	20	Wieler & Co.		
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE	Elizabeth Childs	8	o Grierson	Brit.	bqe,	391	Nov.	17	Borneo Co., Limited		1:
COMPANY.	Emilio V.	21	h Merello	Ital.	bge,	724	Nov.	80	D. Musso & Co.	Nagasaki —	3. 3. 2
	Esperance	4]	k Guillon	Fch.	bge.	272	Dec.	2	Carlowitz & Co.	1 100	1
DEG TO	Faugh Balaugh	3	Gongon	Ger.	bge,	814	Nov.	19	Carlowitz & Co.		
Policies against Fire to the extent of	Fleetwing	3	c Guest	Amer.	. sb.	829	Oct.	17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	lati.
Policies against Fire to the extent of 45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored	Flensborg		Jacobsen	Dan.	bge.	. 365	Nov.	22 2	2 Eduard Schellhass & Co. 2 Arubold, Karberg & Co.	***************	
herein, at current local rates, subject to s	Florence Nightingale Fontenaye	4	k Taylor	. Brit.	bqe,	635	Oct.	10	O Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Discount of 20% on the Premia.	Forward	2	o Vandevord	Brit.	bge.	744	Deo.	17	Rozario & Co.	•	
NORTON & Co.,	Friederich	31	k Bertelsen	Ger. 3	3m.sc.	. 293	Nov.	24	Wieler & Co. Wm. Pustau & Co.		•
Agents.	Gesine Brons	2	o Trumbaoh	Ger.	bqe.	594	Oct.	21	1 Wm. Pustau & Co.	14 Y	
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.	Hail Columbia		Brereton	Amer.	e. sob.	353	Nov.	19	9 Eduard Schellham & Co.		Cos'tan Dook
-1 - <u>>1 -</u> 1	Hamburg	4	k Kroge	Ger.	bge.	349	Nov.	29	9 duard Schellhass & Co. 1 Captain	Bangkok	
CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,	Hattle N. Bangs	3	o Mead	Brit.	3m, sc. bqe.	296	Dec.	2	2 Wieler & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
(LIMITED.)	Helene	4	c Volguardsen	Ger.	bge.	. 3 2	Nov.	28	8 Wieler & Co.	7.37	
	Highlander	4 1	k Hutchinson	Amer.	r. sb.	1352	June	19	9 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Sec. 12	· ·
NOTICE.	Holstein	4	k Külper	Ger. 3	Sm. sc. bqe.	281	Sept.	3	Bilduard Schellhass & Co. 3 Rozario & Co.	M'bourne & Dunedi	n .
The state of the s	Invinoible	8	c Strickland	Amer.	r. sh.	1, 1450	Dec.	6	6 Meyer & Co.	uned)	
DOLICIES granted at current rates on	J. H. Ingersoll	7	c Daw	Amer.	r. bge.	609	Nov.	24	4 Butterfield & Swire 4 Wieler & Co.	Necrossis	Kilos *
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.	Kvik	7	Krincke	Ger.	bg.	242	Dec.	14	4 Meyer & Co.	Nagasaki	K'loon Dock
in accordance with the Company's Articles	Laura R. Burnham	. 2	c Phillips	Am. 3	3m sc.	673	Dec.	16	6 Captain		
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributorss	Louisa.	3	k Shierloh	Ger. 3	3m zo.	245	Oct.	17	7 Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Haiphong Foochow	Knee -
whether Sharsholders or not, in proportion	Madeleine	i	C Patean	Brit. 3	3m.sc.	378 406	Dec.	25	4 Jardine, Matheson & Co. 5 Captain	Poochow	K'loon Dock
to the nett amount of Premia contributed	Maid of Judah		Webb	Brit.	bge	648	B Dec.	14	4 Rozario & Co.	Gan Kannahan	Cos'tan Dock
by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.	Marquis of Argyll	4. 3	c Gonner	Jer.	bge.	511	Nov.	20	0 Wm. Pustau & Co. 4 Order	San Francisco	
J. BRADLEE SMITH,	Diatobless	7	c Dawes	. Amer.	eh.	. 1165	Nov.	10	0 Meyer & Co.	14 6	
General Agent,	Melrose	4	k Plumer	Amer.	r. sh.	. 994	sept.	19	9 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
pro tem.	Mercury	4.	C Thomas	Brit 3	3m. sc.	. 361	Dec.	. 1	1 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. 8 Russell & Co.	London	The second second
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.	Min-y-don Moneta	7	O Bisset	Brit.	bge.	621	Sept.	1	1 Russell & Co.	San Francisco New York	
TOTOL TOTOL OF TOTOL	Morning Star	1	h Michaelsen	Siam.	. bge.	570	Dec.	10	0 Chiuese		
THE LONDON ASSURANCE.	Napler Nardoo	1	h Bryde	Brit.	bae.	1200	Nov.	10	0 Messageries Maritimes 5 Cheong Woo	Callao	
MONTH TONOUNDER	Nicolaus	2	Stölken	Ger.	bqe,	879 1. 157	7 Oct.	10	O Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dook
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER	Nuevo Constante	1.13	h Uriarte	pan.	. tch	208	B Dec.	25	5 Remedios & Co.		TOOK TOOK
AF	Paradies	7	c l'huro	Ger.	bae.	e, 846	B Dec.	22	2 Siemssen & Co.		
His Mainter Ring Comme m	Paralos Phaeton	5	c Pasco	Fch. Brit.	bge.	576	eo.	11	8 Carlowitz & Co. 1 Chinese		·
His Majesty King George The First,	Prince Arthur	3	le Wills	Brit	bae.	296	B Dec.	14	4 Chineso	.;	
A. D. 1720.	Rossetta McNell	4	c Brown	Amer.	r. bge.	B. 611	Dec.	10	O Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		4 * 1 A * 3
# UF Understaned having been appointed	San Francisco	3	c Lamoken	Ger.	r. bae.	264 e. 607	Dec.	10	6 Siémssen & Co. 0 Russell & Co.	New York	
HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are	Spartan	18	k Vincent	Amer.	r. sch.	100	Sept.	. 23	3 W. H. Ray	LOEK	
Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:	Stracathro	44. 8	h Millar	Erit.	bqe,	e. 1159	Dec	17	7 Russell & Co.		
Marine Department.	Strathmore	3	k Clough	Brit.	bge.	a. 500 1090	Dec. Dept.	21	1 Captain 5 Russell & Co.		
Policies at current rates payable either	Taiwan	3	k Clough	Amer.	t. sh	873	3 Nov.	22	2 Aruhold, Karberg & Co.	Amoy	
here, in London or at the principal Ports	Tat Watt		h Bruhn	Siam.	. hge.	6. 654	4 Dec.	26	6 Chinese		
of India, China and Australia.	The Goolwa	3	c Torkilson	"Brit.	hae	e. 717	NOV.	. 6	6 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Rangoon	*
Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at	t Yaruna	3	h Garceau	Fch.	bqe.	9. 358 9. 486	8 Nov.	10	6 Carlowitz & Co. 1 Wieler & Co.	Singapore	
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.	Verona	1 3	Bartlett	Brit	bae	e 668	8 Jat.	24	4 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	•	
Life Department,	Wilhelm Hameyer	11.4	h Dirks	Ger.	bge	e. 808	8 00%	2	2 Melobers & Co.	Channel f o.	
Policies issued for sums not exceeding	Wilhalm Hamayan	3	Serong	Ger.	bge		2 Det.	_ 1	5 Wm. Pustau & Co.		
£5,000 at reduced rates.	CANTON				*1	1					
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.	Amoy and marin to a	Ver .	Drawes	Brit	Bt-	. B1a	1 Dea	30	6 Siemsten & Co.	Shanghai	
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.	mietimettil tere		4808801		46	-J21	- यहा	4		and the rest.	
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Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

HE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foodbow, Shanghai	Vessel's Name. Lector-		Flag.	Class.	Тоты,	Juni	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.	
Hongkong, October 14, 1863.	Kestrel Lapwing Magpie	7 h	British British British British	gun vessel gun vessel gun vessel gun vessel	584 592 784 774	4 4 3 8	120 100 160 160	Dec. 21 Dec. 14 Dec. 25 Nov. 4	M. McNeil Fred. Edwards W. J. Scott W. M. Lang	
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.	Marques del Duero Mecanee	6 k 6 c K.D.	Spanish British British Spanish British British	military hospital gunboat transport Commodore's flag-ship despatch vessel	850 2591 480 12 0 3087 856	20 2	50 250	Nov. 22 Dec. 10 Nov. 18	LtCom. G. A. Grey M. Torres Commodore Watson William M. Annesley	

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